In the claims:

1 (currently amended).   A method of facilitating trading, comprising:

automatically at a trading platform executing on at least one computer, executing supporting a set of order handling programs to generate respective trading processes, each trading process operating according to a respective trading methodology selected by a user of the trading process, each of the trading methodologies incorporating standards for using [[a]] the trading platform, and

automatically at the trading platform, routing orders from the set of trading processes to a plurality of markets in accordance with the respective trading methodologies.

2 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein one of the orders from one of the trading processes is routed to at least two of the markets.

3 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein the automatically routing is in accordance with a relationship between the trading process and the market.

4 (original).   The method of claim 3, wherein the relationship is represented by a code defined between the trading process and the market.

5 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the markets is informal.

6 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein the automatically routing is based on information internal to the trading processes.

7 (original).   The method of claim 1, wherein the automatically routing is based on information obtained from processes external to the trading processes for deciding how to automatically route.

8 (original).   The method of claim 7, wherein the external processes are informational processes.

9 (original).   The method of claim 7, wherein the external processes are market processes.

10 (currently amended).   A method of facilitating trading, comprising:

automatically at a computer, receiving an order from a user, and

automatically at the computer, routing the order to at least one of a plurality of markets in accordance with an order processing strategy a set of conditional rules selected from a plurality of order processing strategies sets of conditional rules by the user.

11 (currently amended).   The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~order processing strategy~~ set of conditional rules is embodied in a decision table.

12 (currently amended).   The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~order processing strategy~~ set of conditional rules depends on relationships between the user and the plurality of markets.

13 (currently amended).   The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~order processing strategy~~ set of conditional rules depends on the order characteristics.

14 (currently amended).   The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~order processing strategy~~ set of conditional rules depends on the market characteristics.

15 (cancelled).

16 (cancelled).

17 (currently amended).   The method of claim 10, wherein the ~~order processing strategy~~ set of conditional rules includes a discovery strategy and an action strategy.

18 (original).   The method of claim 17, wherein the discovery strategy includes discovery from at least one informal market.

19 (original).   The method of claim 17, wherein the discovery strategy includes a discovery methodology selected from at least two of: (i) no discovery, (ii) a market board, (iii) querying selected markets, and (iv) obtaining information from an advisory process.

20 (original).   The method of claim 17, wherein the action strategy comprises the results of conditional rules that are applicable because of characteristics of at least one of the order and the market.

21 (cancelled).

22 (cancelled).

23 (cancelled).

24 (cancelled).

25 (new).   A method of routing an order, comprising:

building an action list for the order in accordance with a set of conditional rules, the building being performed by an order handling program executing on a computer, and

routing the order to at least one destination in accordance with the action list, the routing being performed by the order handling program.

26 (new).   The method of claim 25, wherein the action list is based on the order characteristics.

27 (new).   The method of claim 25, wherein the action list is based on the destination characteristics.

28 (new).   The method of claim 25, wherein the action list is based on data obtained to make a routing decision for this order.

29 (new).   The method of claim 25, wherein the action list is based on data obtained for a reason other than making a routing decision for this order.

30 (new).   The method of claim 25, wherein the action list is basedon a relationship between the order handling program and the destination.